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THIRTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

ALABAMA

Baptist State Convention,

HELD AT

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AND OF THE

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PROCEEDINGS.

TUSKEGEE, NOV. 9TH, 1860.

The Baptist State Convention met pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by Rev. H. TALBIRD, 1st Vice President. After reading of scripture and singing prayer was offered by Rev. B. MANLY, sr.

On motion of Rev. S. HENDERSON, Rev. I. T. TICHENOR was requested to act as Secretary.

The names of Delegates were then enrolled, as follows:

ASSOCIATIONS.

Alabama Association: B. H. Crumpton, E. W. Hardy, R. H. Moulton, P. H. Landy, D. R. Lide.

Cahaba Association: T. W. Tobey, M. T. Sumner, W. C. Buck.

Tuskegee Association: S. Henderson, W. W. Mason, J. L. Revel, B. A. Blakey, B. Graves, J. P. W. Brown, O. Echols, W. E. Lloyd, J. J. Cloud, M. B. Hardin.

Coosa River Association: George Hill.

Tuscaloosa Association: B. Manly, C. Manly.

Bethel Association: John Talbert, W. T. Cain.

Bethlehem Association: W. C. Morrow, Z. Williams, P. S. Milner.

Pine Barren Association: J. D. Kendrick.

Central Association: J. M. Russell.

Bigby River Association: R. L. Brown, W. H. Brown.

Liberty Association: J. F. Bledsoe, F. Callaway, J. W. Williams, J. Faulkner.

Eufaula Association: J. S. Paullin, M. Worthington, P. M. Calloway, Joel Sims, T. J. Florence, A. H. Borders, E. Y. Van Hoose.

CHURCHES.

Montgomery Church: I. T. Tichenor, H. W. Watson, W. P. Chilton, B. B. Davis.

Hopewell Church: R. A. Massey.

Siloam Church: W. H. McIntosh, S. A. Creath.

Pensacola Church: W. J. Milner, A. Hendricks.

Centre Ridge Church: D. R. Lide, S. W. Lide, J. M. Lide.

Bethany Church: P. H. Lundy.

Uniontown Church: W. C. Buck, J. G. Hudson, J. W. Hudson.

Newbern Church: R. Holman.

Tuskegee Church: W. G. Swanson, A. B. Fannin, W. B. Jones, C. Battle, S. Lanier.

Farmville Church: W. B. Jones, J. Prather.

Camden Church: P. Armstrong, J. Henderson.

Cubihatchie Church: J. M. Newman, A. T. M. Handy.

Selma Church: N. L. De Votie.

Town Creek Church: E. W. Hardy.

SOCIETIES.

Missionary Society of East Ala. Female College: W. F. Perry.

Ann Hasseltine Society of the Judson Institute: W. H. McIntosh.

LIFE MEMBERS.

H. Talbird, H. E. Taliaferro, C. Battle, B. Graves, B. Manly, A. A. Barton, R. Holman, A. Jones, W. W. Mason, G. Hill, J. M. Newman, E. W. Hardy, J. W. Echols, J. W. Williams, C. A. Battle, J. H. De Votie.

CORRESPONDING BODIES.

East Ala. Convention—George Hill, H. E. Taliaferro.

Georgia State Convention—C. C. Willis, E. B. Teague, W. C. Gray, J. H. De Votie.

The Convention was organized by the election of Rev. H. TALBIRD, President, and Rev. I. T. TICHENOR, Secretary; Rev. C. MANLY, Assistant Secretary.

Resolved to invite the following brethren to seats as officials of the bodies they respectively represent: Rev. A. M. Poindexter, Corresponding Secretary Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention; Rev. R. Holman, Rev. M. T. Sumner, Corresponding Secretaries of the Domes. Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention;

•Rev. A. Broadus, Agent of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary; Rev. B. Manly, jr., Professor of Southern Bap. Theological Seminary; Rev. S. A. Creath, Agent of Foreign Mission Board; Rev. M. Hillsman, Corresponding Secretary of the Bible Board Southern Baptist Convention.

Invited the following ministering brethren to seats in the Convention: Rev. J. A. Parker, Rev. A. A. Connella, Rev. W. N. Chaudoin.

On motion of brother T. W. TOBEY, the Convention resolved to devote half an hour each day to devotional exercises, commencing at 10 o'clock.

Resolved, That the business meetings of the Convention shall be held from 9 A. M. to 12 M., and from 2 P. M. to 5 P. M.

Resolved, That brethren B. Manly, jr., and A. Broadus be permitted to address the Convention in behalf of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary to-morrow at 10½ o'clock.

On motion, appointed brother W. B. Jones on the Committee on Education, in place of brother Wright, absent.

Appointed as Committee on Delegation: M. T. Sumner, C. Manly, B. H. Crumpton.

Auditing Committee: J. M. Newman, T. W. Tobey, E. Y. Van Hoose.

On Preaching: George Hill, T. J. Florence, together with the Pastor and Deacons of the Tuskegee Church.

Adjourned.

2 O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Convention met. The President announced the following Committees:

To nominate the remaining Officers of the Convention—H. W. Watson, D. R. Lide, B. B. Davis.

Committee on Periodicals—A. T. M. Handey, P. H. Lundy, W. C. Morrow.

Committee on Letters and Documents—W. B. Jones, A. Jones, J. Talbert.

Committee on Finance—J. W. Echols, S. Lanier, Joseph Lide.

Brother T. W. TOBEY offered the following Resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved. That when this Convention adjourn, it adjourn

to meet in Marion on Friday before the second Sabbath in November, 1861.

On motion, the President appointed the following Committees :

On Domestic Missions—B. Manly, R. Holman, J. M. Russell.

On Sabbath Schools—J. M. Newman, J. D. Kendrick, S. A. Creath.

Appointed Corresponding Messengers :

Georgia Baptist State Convention: W. B. Jones, F. Callaway, C. Battle, J. M. Russell, C. A. Stanton, M. T. Sumner, P. S. Milner.

Mississippi Baptist State Convention: M. T. Sumner, S. A. Creath, Wm. Howard, W. H. Hibbler, H. Talbird, L. Oliver, J. C. Wright.

Florida Baptist State Convention: M. T. Sumner, R. Holman, S. A. Creath, I. T. Tichenor.

East Ala. Baptist Convention: P. H. Lundy, R. Holman, D. R. Lide, T. W. Tobey, J. M. Russell, S. A. Creath, S. Henderson, W. C. Buck, H. Talbird, G. Hill, J. G. Hudson.

Appointed a Committee to nominate delegates to the Southern Baptist Convention: S. Henderson, P. H. Lundy, B. B. Davis.

Resolved, That any member of this body attending the meeting of any body with which we correspond, and presenting a copy of our minutes, shall be authorized to represent this Convention.

The Report of the Board of Trustees of the Judson Female Institute, was read and referred to the Committee on Education.

The Report of the Board of Trustees of Howard College read and referred to the Committee on Education.

The Report of the Committee to nominate the remaining Officers of the Convention, was read and adopted.

The Committee to nominate the remaining Officers of the Convention, beg leave to report—

S. HENDERSON, 1st Vice President; P. H. LUNDY, 2d Vice President; T. W. TOBEY, Corresponding Secretary; S. H. FOWLKES, Treasurer.

Board of Directors—E. D. KING, JOHN MOORE, J. H. LEE, W. HORNBuckle, W. H. McINTOSH, W. N. WYATT, J. T. BARRON, W. P. HOLMAN, J. G. HUCKABEE.

Committee—H. W. WATSON, D. R. LIDE, B. B. DAVIS.

Resolved to adjourned at 3½ o'clock on to-morrow afternoon, for the purpose of giving the Bible and Colporteur Society an opportunity to hold its meeting.

Adjourned until 9 to-morrow morning.

Prayer by brother LUNDY.

SATURDAY MORNING, 9 O'CLOCK.

The Convention met. Prayer by brother J. A. PARKER. Minutes read and adopted.

Brother HOLMAN offered the following Preamble and Resolutions, which were adopted :

Whereas Mrs. Eliza Mallory, widow of William Mallory, deceased, has requested the Board of Trustees of Howard College to release her from the payment of the note of five hundred dollars, made by her husband for the endowment of said College; and whereas the above request is based upon her inability to pay said debt; therefore

Resolved, That the Convention request the Board of Trustees to take this matter under consideration, and recommend them to release sister Mallory; provided it can be done without placing in jeopardy any other portion of the endowment fund.

The Report on Domestic Missions was read, and while under discussion, the hour of 10 o'clock having arrived, the Convention engaged in devotional exercises. Prayer was offered by brethren DE VOTIE, TEAGUE and MANLY.

Business resumed.

On motion of brother HOLMAN, the Report on Domestic Missions was laid upon the table for the present.

Brother B. MANLY, jr., addressed the Convention in behalf of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Brother TOBEY offered the following Resolutions :

Resolved, That the Convention has been greatly gratified and encouraged by learning the success which has so far attended the efforts to establish the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, and particularly that the agent for this State, Rev. A. Broadus, has raised within little more than four months of labour, about fifteen thousand dollars, leaving only ten thousand of the Alabama subscription to be made up—and only about \$30,000 lacking of the whole endowment of \$200,000.

Resolved, That inasmuch as the continued existence of the Seminary depends upon raising between now and the 1st of

May, 1861, the remaining \$30,000 of the endowment in order to secure the conditional subscription which has been made, and as this short time alone remains to make available and permanent all that has been done, it is therefore our earnest conviction that the work of agency should be diligently and vigorously prosecuted, notwithstanding the present crisis of affairs, in order to obtain this desirable end.

Resolved, That a committee of this Convention be appointed to prepare a Circular to the brethren of this State, presenting the state of the case and urging liberal contributions.

During the discussion of these Resolutions, business was suspended, and brother BROADBUSH took up subscriptions for the endowment of the Seminary, amounting to \$2,500.

The Resolutions were then adopted.

Adjourned with prayer by brother TICHENOR.

2 O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Convention met. Prayer by bro. A. A. CONNELLA.

A communication from the Methodist E. Church in Tuskegee, tendering to the Convention the use of their house of worship, was received, read and referred to Committee on Preaching.

Report on Education was read and adopted. See Appendix A.

Report of the Executive Board was read, and, after remarks by brother TILBIRD, the Convention suspended business for the purpose of raising funds for the support of the beneficiaries of Howard College.

Amount contributed in cash.

Pledges: A. A. Connella, for support of brother W. M. Jordan, \$200; J. M. Newman, \$50; P. H. Lundy, \$25; B. Manly, sr., \$25; C. Battle, \$90—making in cash and pledges \$500.

The Report was then adopted. See Appendix B.

Brother LUNDY offered the following Resolution:

Whereas the raising of the means necessary for the support of the beneficiaries of Howard College devolves upon the Churches; therefore

Resolved, That the Churches be earnestly requested to make annual contributions to the Convention for this purpose.

The Convention adjourned, until 7 o'clock.

7 O'CLOCK, P. M.

Convention met. Prayer by brother McINTOSH. The Report on Foreign Missions read, and, after addresses by brethren LUNDY, POINDEXTER, and J. H. DE VOTIE, was adopted. Appendix C.

Pending the adoption of the Report, a collection was taken up, amounting to \$205 05 cash, and \$571 in pledges. Whole amount, \$776 05.

Convention then adjourned.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON, 3 P. M.

The Convention met in mass meeting.

Prayer by brother W. C. BUCK.

The Report on Domestic Missions taken from the table.

After addresses by brethren N. L. DE VOTIE, TICHENOR and SUMNER, a collection was taken up, amounting in cash and pledges to \$300 40. The Report was then adopted. Appendix D.

Adjourned with prayer by brother TALBIRD.

MONDAY MORNING, 9 O'CLOCK.

The Convention met. Prayer by brother BUCK.

Minutes read and approved.

The President announced the following Committees:

To Nominate Preachers for the next Convention—H. W. Watson, R. L. Brown, J. G. Hudson.

To prepare an Address to brethren of the State in behalf of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary—B. Manly, W. H. McIntosh, A. J. Battle.

The Report of the Auditing Committee read and adopted. See Appendix E.

On motion of brother H. W. WATSON, appointed a committee to confer with a committee of the Bible Society in relation to a transfer of its effects to the Convention. W. W. Mason, W. P. Chilton, S. Henderson.

Report of the Committee on Letters and Documents read and adopted. See Appendix F.

Report on Temperance read, and while under discussion the hour of 10 o'clock arrived, and the Convention engaged in devotional exercises. Prayer was offered by brethren NEWMAN, HOLMAN and MORROW.

Business resumed.

On motion of brother BATTLE, the consideration of the Report on Temperance was suspended to give brother HILLSMAN, the Corresponding Secretary of the Bible Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, an opportunity to address the body.

Resumed the consideration of the Report on Temperance, and while under discussion, the hour of adjournment arrived, and the Convention adjourned until 2 o'clock, P. M.

Prayer by the President.

2 O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Convention met. Prayer by brother BROADDUS.

Report on Temperance adopted. Appendix G.

Report of the Board of Trustees of Howard College adopted. Appendix H.

Report of the Board of Trustees of Judson Institute adopted. Appendix I.

Report of Committee on Southern Baptist Publication Society read and adopted. Appendix K.

The following brethren asked that their names might be recorded as voting against the Report: W. C. Buck, J. G. Hudson, R. L. Brown, J. S. Paullin, A. H. Borders, J. Hudson, W. C. Morfow, R. A. Massey, Z. Williams.

The committee to nominate a brother to preach the next Conventional Sermon, reported brother C. Manly; J. D. Kendrick, alternate.

The committee appointed to confer with the committee of the Alabama Bible and Colporteur Society, reported. Adopted. Appendix L.

The Committee on Sabbath Schools reported. Adopted. Appendix M.

The Convention adjourned to 7 o'clock.

Prayer by brother TOBEY.

7 O'CLOCK.

Convention met. Prayer by brother TEAGUE.

Appropriated \$100 for printing of the Minutes, and \$40 for their distribution.

The President appointed committee to nominate Bible Board: W. H. McIntosh, J. M. Newman, W. F. Perry.

Committee on Finance reported. Adopted. Append. N.

The Committee on Periodicals reported. Adopted. The

protest of a minority of the Convention was ordered to be spread upon the minutes. Appendix O.

Adopted Treasurer's Report. Appendix P.

The committee to nominate the Bible Board reported the names of brethren H. W. Watson, W. W. Waller and W. P. Chilton, and recommended that this Board be empowered to select the General Agent. Report adopted.

Committee to nominate delegates to the Southern Baptist Convention reported. Read and adopted. Appendix R.

The Treasurer's Report adopted. Appendix S.

The following declaration of opinion was offered by brother B. MANLY, sr. 52

While under consideration, the Convention united in prayer; after which, it was unanimously adopted:

The members of the Baptist State Convention of Alabama, though assembled for different purposes, find ourselves together at a moment when issues of the most grave and serious character are brought upon the country. While possessing no authority to pledge or bind the churches or religious bodies we represent, and expressly disclaiming any wish in any form to do so—we are constrained, as men, as citizens, as Christians, to give full place in our hearts to the love of country.

Standing aloof, for the most part, from political parties and contests, our retired and quiet position does not exclude the profound conviction, based on a long and unquestionable series of facts, that the union of States in this confederacy has failed, in important particulars, to answer the purposes for which it was created. From the administration of the Federal Government, as things are—especially with reference to our peculiar property recognized by the Constitution—we can no longer hope for justice, protection, or safety.

We have supposed ourselves entitled to equality of rights, as citizens of this republic. We are not willing to surrender them—even at the risk of life and all we hold most dear.

While, as yet, no particular mode of relief is before us, on which to express an opinion—we are constrained, before separating to our sacred homes, to declare to our brethren and fellow citizens, before mankind, and before our God—that we hold ourselves subject to the call of proper authority in defence of the sovereignty and independence of the State of Alabama, and of her right, as a sovereignty, to withdraw from this Union: and to make any arrangement which her people, in constitutional assemblies, may deem

best, for securing their rights. And, in this declaration, we heartily, deliberately, unanimously, and solemnly, UNITE.

The following Resolutions were then offered and sanctioned by a unanimous vote:

Whereas the State of South Carolina has appointed the 21st day of this month as a day of humiliation, fasting and prayer, and through her Governor has requested the other States of the South to unite with her people in its observance. Therefore

Resolved, That this Convention recommend to the Baptist Churches throughout the State, to unite in this request and to observe that day as a day of fasting, and solemn prayer to Almighty God.

2. *Resolved*, That the Secretary of this Convention be instructed to forward a copy of this declaration of opinion and these resolutions to His Excellency, A. B. Moore, Governor of the State of Alabama.

3. *Resolved*, That the *S. W. Baptist*, the *Baptist Correspondent*, and all other papers in the State be requested to publish this declaration and the accompanying resolutions.

Resolved, That this Convention return their thanks to our Methodist and Presbyterian friends for kindly tendering to us the use of their houses of worship during our session; and to the directors of the Railroads and Steamboats for passing delegates on their return home free of charge; and also to the citizens of Tuskegee for their kindness and hospitality during our stay among them.

The President announced the Standing Committees, as follows:

Education: W. N. Reeves, J. G. Shorter, M. B. Hardin.

Domestic Missions: C. Manly, J. C. Foster, B. Manly, jr.

Foreign Missions: J. M. Newinan, A. T. M. Handey, B. A. Blakey.

Temperance: N. L. De Votie, A. G. McCraw, W. Wilkes.

S. B. Publication Society: B. H. Crumpton, P. H. Lundy, D. Lee.

Sabbath Schools: D. M. Reeves, D. R. Lide, C. F. Sturgis.

Referred all unfinished business to the Executive Board.

Convention then adjourned to meet in Marion on Friday before the 2d Sabbath in November, 1861.

Prayer by brother Buck.

H. TALBIRD, President.

I. T. TROHEXOR, Secretary.

APPENDIX.

A.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

For several years past the people of this State have manifested a constantly increasing interest in the subject of Education.

Our Common School system, although still defective, has been greatly improved, and placed under active and efficient management. We frequently hear of the formation of new Institutions of learning, and of the contribution of large amounts of money for the support of those already in existence.

Nor is the subject of ministerial education neglected. But few religious denominations exist whose members are not anxious that their ministers shall be as extensively educated as possible, and who do not readily respond to appeals for aid in supporting young men, in their preparatory studies, who propose to devote their lives to the spread of the gospel.

The Baptists have never considered it necessary to establish schools, academies and colleges, simply for the purpose of disseminating their peculiar religious opinions. To the attainment of this end, they have preferred to rely upon the distribution of God's Holy Book, and religious works, the preaching of the gospel and the public and private labors of their ministers and other members. They do not consider the class-room the proper place for the discussion of denominational differences. They have, however, learned by experience, that in schools under the direction and influence of those who are opposed to the spread of Baptist principles, attempts have frequently been made to prejudice the minds of the young and inexperienced against those principles, and to implant those deemed by them decidedly unscriptural. Hence it has become a matter of stern necessity to establish denominational Institutions, which shall be so conducted that the members of our churches may feel assured that in them their sons and their daughters shall be subjected to no improper sectarian influence.

It is the course almost universally adopted in Institutions of learning under the control of Baptists to encourage the pupil to rely entirely upon the teachings of God's Word in matters of faith and doctrine, and to submit to no human mastership in the affairs of his soul. Since this is so, is it not singular that any Baptist in the State should be found so wanting in attachment to the principles he professes, as to be willing to neglect his own denominational Institutions, and place his children under the charge of those who openly avow their intention to sectarianize their pupils, and whose well known hostility to Baptist sentiments will induce them to strive to lead away the youth from the principles and practices inculcated in the Word of God? Are there not in all parts of our country persons who have forsaken the Baptist churches on account of influences exerted upon their minds in the school room? Have we not heard of learned Professors who have unhesitatingly spoken of Baptists as bigots, and referred to them as that people, and whose origin might be traced to the rebellious Anabaptists of Munster?

There are two flourishing Institutions of learning under the special control of the Baptist State Convention of Alabama: Howard College and the Judson Female Institute. The Reports of their respective Boards of Trustees show that these are in a high degree worthy of the patronage of the members of our churches. What reason can be assigned why this

should not be afforded to the fullest extent? Is it not desirable that our children shall be educated where we may feel assured they shall be subjected to no unfavorable sectarian influences? Do other institutions of learning offer superior advantages to those afforded by ours? Is it desirable that our denominational institutions shall be nobly sustained? If Baptists neglect them, will others come forward to their support?

The Committee call attention to the following statements in the Report of the Board of Trustees of Howard College, and recommend its adoption:

1. In reference to Dr. Talbird's note for ten thousand dollars, they propose the adoption of the following resolutions:

Whereas Dr. H. Talbird, in order to secure a conditional subscription to the endowment fund of Howard College, has given his note for ten thousand dollars—

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention be tendered to Dr. Talbird for generously having come to the rescue of so large an amount of endowment fund.

Resolved, That this Convention considers it unjust to permit Dr. Talbird to bear so large an amount of pecuniary responsibility for the benefit of Howard College, while there are so many Baptists in our State both able and willing to aid in this matter.

Resolved, That the Board of Trustees be requested to make arrangements for the obtaining of subscriptions to the amount of Dr. Talbird's note, and to release him from further responsibility when this shall have been done.

2. It is an interesting fact, that of the last graduating class, six of the fifteen comprising the class, have devoted themselves to the duties of the Christian ministry. If these have been truly called of God to the work, how great an influence for good may they exert upon the world. But few of the Colleges in our land send forth so large a proportion of their graduates into the vineyard of the Lord.

3. The Committee recommend the adoption by the Convention of some plan of relief for those beneficiaries who are referred to in the report of the Board of Directors, and mentioned in the Report of the Board of Trustees.

4. The Committee deem the suggestion of the Board in reference to endowment fund worthy of special attention.

Of the Judson Female Institute, we feel justified in saying that it has not its superior in the land. The patronage it is now receiving shows that a discerning public appreciates its advantages and intends to make a wise use of them.

The Committee recommend the adoption of the Report of the Board of Trustees, and call attention to the fact that the young ladies of the Ann Hasseltine Society have manifested such a commendable degree of liberality, which they hope will be extensively imitated.

OTHER INSTITUTIONS.

Although not under the direct control of the Convention, these institutions have been erected and especially patronized by Baptists, and deserve here a favorable mention. At Tuskegee is located the East Alabama Female College. The Committee have learned, with pleasure, that this institution, under the efficient and energetic management of President WM. F. PERRY, aided by a well selected Faculty, is receiving a liberal share of patronage, and is meeting the wishes of its most ardent friends. The Alabama Central Female College is located at Tuscaloosa. President A. J. BATTLE so widely and favorably known as an instructor, is at the head of this institution. The Committee are gratified to know that its friends in Tuscaloosa and vicinity feel highly encouraged in regard to its future, and consider it no longer an experiment, but a success.

The Lafayette Female College is still under the management of President BLEDSOE, and is in a prosperous condition and worthy of the patronage so extensively bestowed upon it.

The Tuskegee Collegiate Institute, over which President P. W. Dodson has the control, has met with unparalleled prosperity within the past few years. Its friends feel assured that no High School in the land offers greater facilities for the preparation of youth for College, and for the attainment of such scientific knowledge as may avail for the practical purposes of life, to those who have not the time nor the means for pursuing the regular Collegiate course, and cannot but be pleased with its remarkable success.

The Talladega Male High School, under the charge of Messrs. POINDEXTER and WOODWARD, is doing well. Its instructors have, so far as we can learn, given universal satisfaction, and its friends are greatly encouraged by the success which has crowned their efforts.

The Committee consider the establishment of such institutions as of great advantage to our denominational College, as affording a constant supply of young men well prepared to enter its classes.

Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. This Institution located in Greenville, S. C., was opened in Oct. 1859. Remarkable success attended its first session. Twenty-six students were in attendance. The number has increased since the opening of the session to thirty-three. The Committee are of opinion that the instruction imparted is of the most thorough character, and of the highest advantage to those who have completed the regular College course of study. The Professors are too well known to Southern Baptists to need any expression from us in regard to piety, learning or ability to teach. Thirty thousand dollars of endowment fund are now required to secure this "school of the prophets" to the Baptists of the South and South-West. If this amount be not subscribed previous to the first of May, 1861, the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, will no longer exist.

The Committee have learned that the Agent, Rev. A. BROADBUSH, has been kindly received in our State, and has succeeded, in the short space of four months, in raising some fifteen thousand dollars, leaving a balance of the quota assigned to Alabama of ten thousand dollars.

The Committee recommend the adoption of such resolutions as will manifest the deep interest felt by the Convention in this enterprise, and the earnest hope entertained by its members that it may not prove unsuccessful.

T. W. TOBEY,
B. MANLY,
W. B. JONES; } Committee.

B.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE ALABAMA BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION.

To the Ala. Baptist State Convention:

DEAR BRETHREN: Your Board submits the following as its annual Report, viz:

At a meeting held June 20th, 1860, the following Resolutions were passed, viz:

Resolved, That the Rev. J. M. Newman be appointed to fill the vacancy in the Board of Trustees of Howard College, caused by the death of Hon. E. A. Van Hoose.

Resolved to adopt (re-adopt) the following Rules, in the reception of Beneficiaries of the Convention, viz:

1st. That it be required of each candidate to present to the Board a certificate from the church of which he may be a member, of his consistent christian character, of their approval of his purpose to devote himself to the work of the Gospel Ministry; and their recommendation of him as worthy of the aid of the Convention, in prosecuting a course of study preparatory to the ministry.

2d. That he be required to satisfy the Board as to his christian experience and call to the ministry.

Resolved, That the Faculty of Howard College be requested to report to this Board at the close of each session the department and progress of each beneficiary.

Resolved, That the President of Howard College be requested to require every young man who may apply to be received as a beneficiary of the Convention to sign the following petition, viz:

"I, _____, ask to be received as a Beneficiary of the Alabama Baptist State Convention, and if received do hereby promise to complete the regular collegiate course, unless excused by the Faculty, and pledge myself, in the event of my leaving the Institution without the consent of the Executive Board of the Convention or of the Faculty of the College to repay all monies I may have received from the Convention while a beneficiary."

At a meeting held June 21st, 1860, the following resolution was passed:

Resolved, That any active participation in the agitation of the exciting questions which are at present distracting our denomination, is unbecoming in young men preparing for the sacred work of the Gospel Ministry; has a tendency to obstruct the progress of their education and the cultivation of that personal piety and consecration to the sacred office which is so essential to a minister of the Gospel, and is also calculated to prejudice the interests of the Institution with which they are connected; and that therefore all the Beneficiaries of this Board are hereby affectionately advised to assume and maintain, for the future, a position of neutrality in respect to these matters of controversy.

During the collegiate year 1859-60, funds were furnished for the support in Howard College of sixteen young brethren preparing for the ministry, by brother J. H. BROWN. Previous to the opening of the present session of the College, because of the failure of his crops the present year, and because of his truly liberal benefactions, and made as they were in cash, during the previous year, \$25,000 for a Theological Professorship in Howard College, \$4,000 for the support of young men preparing for the ministry, besides others amounting in all, as the Board is informed, to some \$40,000, brother Brown was constrained, though reluctantly, to withdraw the support of these young men. In this emergency, the Board, at the opening of the present session of the College, adopted the measure indicated in the following resolution, passed at a meeting held Sept. 28th, 1860, viz:

Resolved, That the President of Howard College be authorized to receive and pay the expenses of all who may apply to become beneficiaries, up to the time of the meeting of the next Convention, with the understanding that they will be sustained longer, should the Convention provide the funds requisite, but not otherwise. This was in the judgment of the Board the best they could do under the embarrassing circumstances by which they were surrounded. We understand that those Associations which Dr. Talbird has been able to visit, have responded generously to his appeals in behalf of the young men, and have promised to furnish a part of the means necessary for their support; but if all who have been received, or are applying, are sustained, the means must be supplied by the Convention.

By order of the Board,

H. TALBIRD, 1st V. Pres't.

Marion, Nov. 5, 1860.

A. B. GOODRUE, Sec'y.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

In taking a general survey of the Foreign Missionary field during the past year, some views are had calculated to shock the feelings of men, and to pain Christian hearts. The scenes of cruelty and death enacted in 1859 in India, and which covered that dark land with deeper gloom than had rested upon it for many years, have been transferred to the mountains and plains of Syria. Faithful missionaries and thousands of Christians have there been slaughtered, and much mission property destroyed by the natives, assisted by the Turkish forces stationed to control them and protect foreigners. A temporary check was placed upon these murderous and destructive assaults by the presence of a Turkish Extraordinary Minister; but his late departure has only been the signal for renewed attacks on the Christians. In these losses of life and property, nobody with which this Convention is connected, has shared; but it becomes us deeply to sympathise with the sufferers, and to implore for their support that measure of Divine aid, which, from the present aspect of our affairs, we may shortly need.

Both in China and Africa, some of our Missionaries and interests are surrounded by war, which, though as yet it has not interfered with them, may soon make them objects of violence and injury. China is involved both in foreign and domestic war. The allied Powers—England and France—have concentrated large fleets and armies in its territory. The cities of Canton and Shanghai, with the Island of Chu-san, are already in the hands of the allies, and their armies are on the march against the Imperialists stationed at the Taku Forts. The latest intelligence indicates the inclination of the Emperor, in view of the capture of these Forts, to make a treaty conceding important privileges to Foreigners.

The native Rebellion, too, has broken out with new violence. Its forces have successfully opposed and defeated those of the government, and have destroyed many lives and much property. Our Missionaries—brethren Hartwell, Holmes and Crawford—lately went to their camp, and were kindly received. An interesting account of their visit was lately published in this country. Since that visit, and on the 18th of August, these Rebels attacked the city of Shanghai, but were repulsed with artillery. Of the ultimate success of this movement, brother Crawford writes, that he has no doubt; and as its leaders and promoters “hold many fundamental truths of Christianity,” its successful issue can tend only to spread the Gospel in China.

The war in Africa still continues, and causes our Missionaries much inconvenience. In both these countries, however, the usual kinds of labor have been performed, and some good results have been reached.

The Missions of the Foreign Board are included under the four general heads: the Chinese, African, Japanese and Brazilian. The last two are new missions, having been established since the meeting of this Convention. To the former, brother Richer has been appointed, and has progressed on his way thither as far as China. It is with gratification that we announce, that toward the support of this pioneer Missionary of our Board to that Empire, a body connected with this Convention—the Alabama Association—has pledged one thousand dollars. Brother Bowen has been sent to Brazil, and is now in that country. He reports the existence of difficulties there, which will necessarily prevent the realization of speedy results for our cause.

The Board has appointed, during the past year, twenty new Missionaries. But with this increase in its force, there has been a decrease in its receipts, as compared with the year 1858-59. This is doubtless due in part to several causes. The Board has had but few agents in the States, the monetary

interests of the people have been cramped, the political condition of the country has been unfavorable, the controversy concerning plans of Missionary operations has had a tendency to withhold contributions, and several Associations—one in Alabama, the Salem—formerly acting with the Board, have withdrawn from its support.

This increase in the expenditures, and decrease in the receipts of the Board ought to command the attention of the Convention, and excite the Baptists of Alabama to a more enlarged liberality in its behalf.

N. L. DE VOTIE, Chan. Com.

D.

REPORT ON DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

Your Committee on Domestic Missions are happily relieved from the necessity of an extended report, by their being able to refer the Convention to the two Secretaries, brethren Holman and Sumner, both present at this meeting—"living epistles" in regard to the great objects they have in charge.

No field of labor can be more interesting or important to the whole constituency of the Southern Baptist Convention than that which is committed to its Board of Domestic Missions. No one can doubt that we have responsibilities in regard to the *destitute of our own country*. On the shores of the Atlantic and the Gulf are the colored people, of African descent; on the Pacific shore are the Chinese in great numbers, together with multitudes gathered from all nations; between them lie the Indians—still a large body, whose vanishing forms turn an imploring look to us, before they disappear. All over our widely extended country, are rising towns and growing settlements, needing aid in forming the nucleus of Christian instruction and influence. Timely help, in the beginning, encourages and strengthens them; and they presently become, not only self-sustaining, but radiating centers of Christian influence to the regions around them.

The aggregate amount of funds committed to the Domestic Mission Board during the year ending last spring, was \$55,560.80; an excess over the preceding year of \$3,229.70. Their wants are much greater than their means; and if the churches had quadrupled the amount of their benefactions, this patient, laborious, and watchful Board would have found the means of its judicious and economical appropriation.

While your Committee do not hesitate to express unabated and even growing confidence in the wisdom and fidelity of this Board, the writer is sure that he expresses out the common feeling of this body in giving vent to the sincere gratification felt, on account of the improved and improving health of the senior Secretary—brother B. Holman.

Respectfully submitted,

B. MANLY, For the Committee.

E.

REPORT OF THE AUDITING COMMITTEE.

The Committee have examined the Treasurer's Report, with its vouchers, and find it correct, with the exception that the amount charged to the Southern Baptist Publication Society should be \$47.20, and not \$47.50—an error of 30 cents in favor of the Treasurer.

J. M. NEWMAN,
E. Y. VAN HOOSE,
T. W. TOBEY.

F.

REPORT ON LETTERS AND DOCUMENTS.

The Committee on Letters and Documents, after carefully perusing the letters, &c., placed in their hands, have to report—that they find nothing demanding attention by this body, save the place of holding the next Convention; which has been taken up and settled by the body.

W. B. JONES, Cha'n.

G.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

"Except thou desire to hasten thine end," says Sir Walter Raleigh, "take this for a general rule, that thou never add any artificial heat to thy body by wine or spice, until thou find that time hath decayed thy natural heat; and the sooner thou beginnest to help Nature, the sooner will she forsake thee, and leave thee to trust altogether to art."

It has been recently argued with great ingenuity, that civilization always has had, always will have, and must of necessity have, its stimulants. Civilization, it is contended, is an artificial state of society, and can only be sustained by a resort to artificial stimulants. But even if this case were made out, it would seem that refined people ought to exercise a sound discretion in the selection of their stimulants. Tea, coffee, and tobacco, it would appear to us, ought to be sufficient to sustain the most artificial forms of society, without resorting to alcoholic drinks. Do our election days, when our streets are paraded by bands of *patriots* (!) whose vociferations stun the ear of our quiet communities, and who learn their patriotism from "Dexter," present the most impressive samples of our civilization? But we do not intend to discuss the merits of this proposition. We only mention it as one of the most insidious forms in which indulgence in the intemperate use of ardent spirits is now defended.

There can be no question but that intemperance has its root in, and derives its principal nourishment from, the innate depravity of the human heart. Hence it is uniformly classed among what is called "the works of the flesh." We are therefore of the opinion that like all other evils having their spring in the same source, it can never be thoroughly eradicated except by the Divine remedy for all forms of sin. While other remedies, the various temperance organizations of the last few years, have accomplished much good both in the way of reclaiming inebriates and in preventing the spread of the evil, they have all nevertheless failed most signally to destroy the monster intemperance. There has been a rapid increase of the devastation and ruin resulting from this great national sin, within the last five years. The temporary advantages which were gained over it a few years since, seem but to have increased its ruinous power—as some mighty river arrested for a time by a momentary obstruction, swells its current above all such obstacles, and moves the more rapidly from the attempted intervention.

The question naturally arises, then, How shall we most effectually meet this greatest evil of our race? Temperance organizations combining the strongest moral influences ever embodied upon any one question—special legislative enactments in several States banishing ardent spirits from their midst as an article of beverage—have all proved impotent in this great contest. They have proved but as the flimsy chords upon the limbs of Samson. The warnings of parental solicitude—the cries of hapless orphanage—the touching eloquence of her who would move any thing else in nature but a drunkard's heart—the startling tones of conscience in the occasional intervals of sobriety which the life of the inebriate presents—are alike unheeded. The uniform experience of all past

generations produces no perceptible impression upon the unhappy victims of this debasing vice. A life of misery, a death of shame, and an eternity of remorse, are but as the idle wind. What, then, can reach this evil? This question is easily asked—would to God it were as easily answered! The limits of this report will not allow us to discuss this question in all its aspects. We may simply say that the gospel of Christ is the power of God to extirpate this, as it is all other forms of moral evil. This is the divine remedy for sin in all its forms; and we can but express the belief that it has not been sufficiently esteemed in the various efforts which have been made by good men in this cause. God will have all the glory for the renovation of our fallen nature; and unless we give it to Him, He will teach us our folly by subjecting us to the most mortifying failures.

We must insist that it is, therefore, the duty of every Christian to "labor together with God" for the extermination of this vice. We do not recommend what Legislatures, Societies, or churches as such should do in this matter; but we do feel that if every Christian and every patriot would, in the first place, abstain from the use of this accursed liquid fire, and thus exemplify the beauty of that divine precept, "abstain from all appearance of evil," and then in the next place, exert his influence upon all around him, young and old, to repudiate a practice which must end in a death of disgrace and ignomy, that public opinion would again veer to the right point, and our churches would be purged of what is, in our judgment, a growing evil amongst them. "If the light that is in thee," says Christ to his disciples, "be darkness, how great is that darkness!" Our Savior expects his people to be a kind of second "incarnation" of himself. Hence they are said to be "partakers of the divine nature." Will it add to the bliss of heaven for any Christian to remember that occasional indulgence in such a practice as this was the means of fixing on some immortal soul or souls the dark seal of the drunkard's eternal doom? Are those churches answering the demands of the ascended Messiah, "Ye are the light of the world, who do not by all proper means discountenance the habit of making, or sending, or using this deadly poison?"

We cannot close this report without urging especially upon our ministry the importance of giving this subject more prominence in their ministrations. They ought to obey the divine injunction, "cry aloud and spare not; lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and show the people their transgressions, and the house of Jacob their sins." We have as much reason to believe that God would bless this part of his counsel faithfully declared, as that he would bless any other portion of it. Standing before a wicked, voluptuous dignitary, in the capacity of a prisoner of state, Paul "reasoned of righteousness, temperance, and judgment," until his distinguished auditor trembled. The same degree of moral courage and holy zeal would now invest divine truth with the same authority over the consciences of wicked men. Until, therefore, all Christians can be induced to discharge their duty in this respect, we cannot hope for any reformation in regard to this vice. We do most earnestly beseech all who love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity, to heed the admonition of inspiration, "Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are."—I. Cor. 3:16-17. What a desecration to debauch the "temple of God" with the "lust of the flesh!"

Respectfully submitted,

SAM'L HENDERSON, Cha'n.
JOHN TALBERT,
B. H. CRUMPTON.

H.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
HOWARD COLLEGE.

During the year ending July 1st, 1860, the College enjoyed its usual degree of prosperity. At its annual Commencement, a promising class of fifteen young men received the honors of graduation. Your Board are gratified in being able to state, that six of the number have devoted themselves to the ministry of the Gospel.

INTERNAL CONDITION OF THE COLLEGE.

The number of students registered during the session was 82, of whom 24 were members of the class preparing for the ministry. The present session has opened with encouraging prospects, and those who have connected themselves with the College, are unusually promising. The Theological department may be regarded as in a highly flourishing condition. Eighteen young brethren have registered their names as engaged in studies preparatory to the preaching of the Gospel. This number might be considerably increased if the Faculty of the College felt authorized to encourage all, who are applying for admission, to enter the College. You will learn from the report of your Executive Board the present condition and wants of the Theological Department.

FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE COLLEGE.

In the report of the Board, submitted to the Convention at its last session, you were informed that the Rev. WM. S. BARTON had obtained, for the endowment fund, \$62,000 unconditional notes. The condition was that the amount should be increased to \$100,000, by the first of March, 1860. Brother Barton's health, in the mean time, became seriously impaired; and he was so unfortunate, while in this feeble state, as to break his leg. Your Board, in view of his protracted illness, expressed to you some doubt of their ability to secure, by the first of March, the \$38,000 necessary to render the notes binding. As a last resort, they requested the President of the College to make an appeal, in person, to the liberality of the denomination. He saw a few brethren, and they responded most liberally to the call made upon them. With the assistance of several brethren, (brother Barton of the number), he obtained, by the first of February last, \$30,000. This left \$8,000 to be supplied; but, from the inclemency of the weather, the roads were rendered impassable. The amount must be secured by the first of March, or the College lose \$92,000 in good notes or bonds. In this emergency, the President of the College voluntarily gave his own *bona fide* note to your Board for the deficiency; but with the understanding, that he should be allowed, at some subsequent time, to raise this amount. Your Board through you would say to the denomination, that Dr. Talbird, on former occasions, had made as liberal contributions to the funds of the College, as any one of his pecuniary ability in the State. If he is compelled to pay in addition \$10,000—the actual amount for which he has given his note, it would absorb a large portion of his estate, and it would be a manifest injustice on the part of his brethren to allow him to pay it. Your Board would ask you by resolution or otherwise to call the attention of the denomination to this matter.

The following will show to the Convention the amount of endowment fund and the value of the property which they have intrusted to their Board:

Literary Endowment—principal and interest	\$175,350	00
Of this, bad and doubtful, -	\$11,250	40
Indebtedness, say - - -	3,000	00
Leaving reliable Literary Fund - - -	161,099	80
Theological Endowment - - -	45,400	00

Buildings, Lot, &c., say	45,000 00
Apparatus	5,000 00
Library Fund	8,000 00

Total available property \$264,499 80

Certificates of Railroad Stock, at present of nominal value, in addition to the above \$3,500 00

RECAPITULATION

Available Property	\$264,499 80
Notes, bad and doubtful	11,250 40
Certificates of Railroad Stock	3,500 00

Grand total \$279,550 20

You will see from the above statement, that your efforts have not been in vain. Still much remains to be done before your College can in all respects become what you desire it to be. Your Board are persuaded that the College ought to have an endowment, of from three to five hundred thousand dollars, and that nothing short of this should be the end at which you aim. Several judicious brethren have made their arrangements so as to leave noble legacies to the College. Why cannot others do the same? There is no way in which money can be invested for the purpose of honoring God; and doing good to mankind, which surpasses, or even equals, that of endowing institutions of learning; and the noblest monument a man can erect to his own memory, is to identify his name with such an institution as Howard College, by contributing of his substance to its support, and endowment.

THE FACULTY.

Since your last annual session, the Board have been called upon to lament the loss from the Faculty of the valuable services of Prof. B. A. MONTAGUE. Repeated hemorrhages, and entire prostration of health, have forced him from his position. He was a complete and thorough instructor, and an enthusiastic educator,—in short, one of those men whose loss to an Institution of learning can never be repaired. The only other changes in the Faculty were made in transferring Mr. W. A. PARKER from the professorship of English Literature to that of Greek; and in appointing Mr. WARD to the office of assistant professor of Mathematics. The Rev. H. TALBUD, D.D., is still President of the College. Professors GOODHUE, SHERMAN, TOBEY, and THORNTON retain their respective chairs.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS.

It was highly desirable that the College Grounds should be enclosed and beautified. At your last session the Board announced to the Convention that the Ladies of Marion, and vicinity, had placed at the disposal of the Board \$1,200 or \$1,400, to be expended in fencing the grounds. They are happy to announce that under the superintendence of Prof. A. B. GOODHUE the fencing has been completed and the grounds carefully graded. They are now in condition to be further improved and beautified. Your Board cannot, without injustice to Prof. Goodhue, fail to express their admiration of his devotion to the interests of the College.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. H. MCINTOSH, Pres't, *pro tem.*

J. B. LOVELACE, Sec'y.

I.

REPORT OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF JUDSON
FEMALE INSTITUTE.

To the *Alabama Baptist State Convention*, 1860 :

Since our last Report, the history of the Institute has been one of continuous prosperity. The whole number of pupils catalogued last session, was one hundred and eighty-nine. The graduating class numbered thirty, twenty of whom were professors of religion. The closing exercises of the session were highly satisfactory in every particular; and the multitude of strangers in attendance, many from great distances, showed that the public interest in the Institute was unabated.

The session now in progress has begun with fine promise. Already one hundred and ninety-five pupils are present. Order, contentment and good health prevail. The Senior Class numbers twenty-four, and others of the higher classes are very large.

We are glad to state that the services of Prof. MILTON E. BACON have been secured to the Institute. His mature experience and superior abilities as an instructor of young ladies make him an important and gratifying acquisition to the Faculty.

All other members of the Faculty are experienced, earnest and able teachers—making a corps not inferior to any ever before assembled in the Judson halls.

The Ann Hasseltine Society sends up this year its usual contribution.

We believe that the Judson Institute was never more worthy of your confidence and support than now; and that under the blessing of God, it will still be an honor to the denomination, and an instrument in his hands for the advancement of truth.

Respectfully submitted,

E. D. KING, President.

S. H. FOWLKES, Secretary.

K.

REPORT ON SOUTHERN BAPTIST PUBLICATION
SOCIETY.

This Society was organized in 1847, to meet as far as possible the wants of the Baptists in the South in respect to religious publications.

It has issued a number of works, not only of a denominational, but of an experimental character, which display high ability and possess permanent value. The importance of the proper religious instruction of the colored people has not been overlooked; but excellent catechisms for this purpose have been published; and several small works of interest, designed for Sunday Schools, have made their appearance.

We cannot but wish that the Society had the means to prosecute its work with even more success and upon a larger scale than hitherto. What an influence for good may a single book or tract exert! And how much better were it for our people if they read constantly such works of permanent interest as are issued by this Society, rather than the light and trashy, though more exciting productions that derive all their attraction from their ministering to the depraved taste of the readers.

We recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

That the members of our churches be requested to do all in their power to promote the interests contemplated by the Southern Baptist Publication Society.

Respectfully submitted,

C. MANLY, Cha'n.

L.

The Committee appointed by this body to confer with a Committee of the Bible and Colporteur Society, and report upon the expediency of transferring the assets of the Alabama Bible Society to this body, beg leave to report as follows:

1st. We recommend that the Alabama Bible Society, by and with the consent of its corporators, be placed in a state of liquidation and final settlement, and that its assets be transferred to this body.

2d. We recommend to this body to appoint a Board of three persons, to be called the Bible Board of the Alabama Baptist State Convention; which Board shall be located at Montgomery, and which Board may proceed to appoint an agent to receive all the assets, books, stock and moneys due to the State Bible Society, located at Selma, and hold the same for this Convention. This Board to be elected shall hold their office for one year, or until their successors are appointed by this Convention.

3d. We recommend further, that this body, now in session, proceed to appoint a general agent for the distribution of Bibles, Sabbath School Books, and other evangelical literature in this State, and to fix his compensations, which agent shall, under the direction of said Board, proceed with the assets and means of the old Board at Selma, and such other funds as may be contributed by the friends of the Bible cause, to procure Bibles, Sabbath School and other good Books, and establish and set on foot a system of Bible and Book distribution in every Baptist Association in the State, if practicable. The general agent to commence his labors as soon after the first of January next as possible; and whose duty it shall be to travel among the churches and people as extensively as possible, for the purpose of establishing Sabbath Schools, creating a deeper interest in the minds of our people in the work of Bible and Book distribution, and to receive subscriptions to aid the friends of the Board.

The general agent shall make a report to this body, at its annual meetings, of the operations of the Bible Board of this Convention, for the year ending with the Convention, and shall hold his office for one year, or until his successor shall be elected by this body.

In case of the death or resignation of the general agent, the Board at Montgomery shall fill such vacancy until the meeting of this body.

In case of the death or resignation of any member of the Board, the remaining members shall fill such vacancy.

M.

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

The Committee on Sabbath Schools ask leave to make the following report:

At the present day, when, after so much has been written in the form of reports, essays, and books upon the important subject of Sabbath Schools, it would be exceedingly difficult to present any thing original, new, or more interesting, or that which would inspire greater interest or zeal, than that which has already preceded us. Numerous able and eloquent appeals have emanated from experienced committees of the various Conventions and Associations of our own denomination, as well as other Christian assemblies. Hence it would seem your committee were relieved from an extended report. Indeed, we could scarcely hope that we should be free from treading in the foot-prints of those who have already gone before us.

Experience has confirmed all Christians of the efficiency of the Sabbath School in advancing the cause of religion and the Redeemer's kingdom;

and is one of the most successful elements of imparting moral tone and true greatness to a nation and people.

The most important subject to which your committee would call the attention of the Convention and denomination generally, is the procurement for the use of our Sabbath Schools of a proper sound literature. This, we are happy to say, can be readily furnished by our Southern Publication Society at Charleston, South Carolina.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. NEWMAN, Cha'n.

N.

CONTRIBUTING BOARDS.		Total										
		Foreign Missions	Domestic Missions	Indian Missions	China Missions	African Missions	Bible Missions	Ala. Bt. College	Benefic. Howard College	Trinidad	South Pub. Soc.	Niches (Cont.)
Union Town Church	20 00	20 00							26 00			46 00
Bethel Association	11 00	10 00										11 00
Pensacola Church	20 00	90 00	90 00									10 00
Bethany Church	80 00	17 00	90 00									46 00
Ann Hasseltine No.												270 00
Judson Fem. Inst.												17 50
Bethlehem Association												30 00
B. H. Crumpton	10 00	232 16	224 50			3 00	17 66	161 86	87 80	160 00	5 00	1181 38
Alabama Association	449 41	26 00	26 00	26 00	26 00	6 20						25 35
Selma Church	20 16	214 80	169 80	63 15	80 65							100 00
Rev. J. M. Russell		32 50	60 00	64 00								828 40
Silam Church	6 00	82 50	5 00									82 50
Hopewell Church	65 60	60 00										294 50
Newbern Church	316 79	156 75	146 80									730 84
Tuskegee Association	1 00	9 00										20 00
Center Ridge Church	16 50											16 50
Farmville Church												20 00
B. A. Blakey												10 00
R. H. Moulton												10 00
Rev. Charles Manly	100 00	71 00										171 00
Central Association		15 00										30 00
Oakmulge Church												10 00
Rev. B. Manly, Jr.												5 00
J. H. Chaudoin												5 00
Rev. S. Henderson												5 00
Rev. A. Broadus												5 00
Rutherford												5 00
Rev. E. Y. Van Hoose												5 00
A. Frazer												5 00
Rev. A. T. M. Handley												5 00
G. Hill												5 00
Rev. M. B. Hardin												5 00
Callaway												5 00
Rev. J. Faulkner												5 00
T. J. Florence												5 00
Tuskegeena Church	77 00	23 00	23 25		19 50	44 00						186 75
Tuskegeena Assoc'n	2 50	5 00	12 00		2 50	5 00						22 00
John Swanson	5 00	126 45			3 75	122 00						417 70
Tuskegee Church	10 00											10 00
Alabama Association	203 05	105 06										203 05
Public Collections												105 60
Do.												\$4078 07

J. W. ECHOLS, Cha'n Finance Com

MONEYS RECEIVED SINCE MAKING THE ABOVE TABLE.—Union Association, for Foreign Miss. \$72 24; Indian Miss. \$15; African do. \$1 55—total, \$89 33. Bigby Association, for Indian Miss. \$385. Domestic do. \$275 35; Foreign do. \$158 90; Ala. Bible cause \$16 50; Beneficiaries Howard College \$12 50—total, \$818 25. Liberty Association, for Foreign Miss. \$101 40; Domestic do. \$40 80; Indian do. \$46 60; African do. \$14 60; China do. \$17 95; Bible cause \$39 60; Southern Pub. Society \$9 45—total, \$270 40. Cahaba Association, for Foreign Miss. \$30 90; Domestic do. \$41 42; Indian do. \$10 Beneficiaries Howard College \$81—total, \$163 32.

O.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

Your Committee have carefully reflected upon the subject submitted to them, and would make the following report:

The influence exerted by the press is much greater than most persons imagine. Papers and periodicals quietly and silently enter our houses, and do much to mould the character of our families. If the press universally taught sound morality, in the proper spirit, then would each generation be better prepared for the performance of the duties assigned it than the preceding one. Religious newspapers exert great influence over the members of our churches, and they are valuable just in proportion as they inculcate the pure doctrines of the gospel, and breathe the spirit of our Lord Jesus Christ. They occupy a place that can not be filled by books, nor the living preacher. The Baptists of the South have many interests which are dear to every lover of the Redeemer, and we cannot too earnestly recommend to our brethren those periodicals that weekly and monthly labor to increase the Missionary spirit among our churches; such as sustain with energy and fidelity the objects fostered by the Southern Baptist Convention.

The committee mourn to find the life and labors of one, who has served his generation with distinguished ability in this department, to be now, most probably, near their close. We allude to our beloved brother, JOHN E. DAWSON.

We recommend to the favorable consideration of the Baptists of Alabama, the Home and Foreign Journal, the Commission, and the South Western Baptist.

A. T. M. HANDEY, Chm.

We, whose names are undersigned, feel ourselves compelled to vote against the Report on Periodicals, and have done so to express our disapproval of the course of the S. W. Baptist, and with no intention to depreciate in the least degree the Christian character of Dr. Dawson. We were perfectly willing to vote for the following Resolution, had we been permitted to do so, viz:

Resolved, That we deeply sympathize with our beloved brother, JOHN E. DAWSON, in his affliction; and that we tender to him assurances of our prayerful solicitude for his present and future happiness.

W. C. BUCK,
R. L. BROWN,
J. G. HUDSON,
J. S. PAULIN,
R. A. MASSEY,

J. P. W. BROWN,
J. D. KENDRICK,
W. C. MORROW,
A. H. BORDERS.

Your Committee recommend the following brethren as delegates to the next Biennial Convention:

B. Manly, D. D., Henry Talbird, R. Helman, M. T. Sumner, W. H. McIntosh, Gen. E. D. King, W. N. Wyatt, E. A. Blount, N. K. Davis, T. W. Tobey, A. B. Goodhue, T. H. Fowlkes, J. H. Lee, W. D. Buck, L. E. Fox, J. G. Hudson, Dr. L. B. Lane, W. T. Hendon, C. O. Huckabee, Wm. Howard, Jerry Brown, Frank Lowry, Charles Manly, A. J. Battle, Joshua Foster, John O. Foster, A. G. McCraw, N. L. DeVotie, Wm. B. Harrison, John Harrison, D. P. Bestor, P. E. Collins, T. P. Miller, K. Hawthorn, J. D. Kendrick, C. W. Hare, C. F. Sturgis, Robert Lide, David Rives, P. H. Lundy, Daniel Rast, Dr. B. Rudolph, C. H. Cleveland, W. C. Morrow, Z. Williams, James Lett, A. T. M. Handey, James Newman, John Talbot, D. R. Lide, M. B. Harden, I. T. Tiche-

nor, W. P. Chilton, H. W. Watson, Thos. H. Watts, J. H. Cogburn, W. B. Ray, W. W. Waller, W. P. Vandiveer, R. J. Ware, T. J. Molton, B. F. Noble, A. J. McLeMore, R. H. Molton, B. B. Davis, O. Welch, J. L. M. Curry, G. T. McAfee, W. C. Mynatt, George Hill, James Headen, Jefferson Falkner, J. F. Bledsoe, Dr. J. W. Williams, Francis Callaway, Wade Hill, Edmund King, L. W. Lawler, Dr. Cullen Battle, W. W. Mason, J. W. Echols, H. E. Taliaferro, Sam'l Henderson, W. B. Jones, J. M. Russell, J. P. W. Brown, Wm. Rives, E. Y. Van Hoose, J. D. Williams, John G. Shorter, Washington Wilkes, J. U. Wilkes, E. Andrews, Walker Reynolds, J. J. Cloud, W. E. Lloyd, A. B. Fannin, David Lee, Jere. H. Brown, Sam'l Q. Hale, J. W. Brown, D. M. Reeves, Wm. Hibbler, And'w Jay, R. J. Molton, C. T. McConnico, Dr. J. H. Draughn, J. B. Hand, sr., J. R. Hand, jr., J. L. Revel, P. H. Lundy, J. S. Ford, B. A. Blakey, Wm. Ivey, W. G. Swanson, S. A. Creath, N. Parker, J. J. D. Renfroe, N. D. Renfroe, W. J. Parker, S. R. Freeman, A. H. Wilson, E. H. Cogburn, B. M. Ware, J. S. Paullin, F. H. Moss, P. M. Callaway, P. H. McWhorter. Thomas Ashford, Courtland; Josephus Shackelford, Moulton; Sam'l Tanner, Athens; L. R. Robertson, C. J. Crews, H. P. Griffin, W. W. Paschal, W. W. Battle.

The Committee recommend that the delegation be authorized to fill any vacancies that may occur.

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TREASURER'S REPORT.

S. H. FOWLKES, *Treasurer*, in account with the Alabama Baptist State Convention.

1859.	BENEFICIARY ACCOUNT, HOWARD COLLEGE.	
Nov. 10.—To balance due the Jere. H. Brown fund,		\$493 52
1860. Jan. 31.—To cash from J. H. Brown, by hands Dr. H. Talbird,		1500 00
May 28.	" " " " "	1350 00
Nov. 5.	" balance overpaid on this fund,	4 48
		<u>\$3348 00</u>

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Nov.—By H. Talbird's dr'fts in favor of Mr. Beck, from	1 to 2,	\$ 48 00
" " " " " " Given, "	1 to 3,	215 00
" " " " " " Jordan, "	1 to 3,	250 00
" " " " " " Macon " "	1 to 3,	250 00
" " " " " " Mynatt, "	1 to 3,	215 00
" " " " " " Epsey, "	1 to 3,	250 00
" " " " " " F. M. Daniel, fm	1 to 2,	250 00
" " " " " " L. T. Daniel, "	1 to 2,	250 00
" " " " " " Jones, "	1 to 3,	215 00
" " " " " " Murphy, "	1 to 3,	215 00
" " " " " " Strawn. "	1 to 3,	215 00
" " " " " " Sneed. "	1 to 2,	190 00
" " " " " " Weatherly, "	1 to 2,	190 00
" " " " " " Savage, "	1 to 2,	190 00
" " " " " " Lattimore, "	1 to 2,	190 00
" " " " " " Massey, "	1 to 3,	215 00
		<u>\$3348 00</u>

1859. BENEFICIARY FUND BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION.

Nov. 10.—To balance due this fund, \$2158 33—(less balance due		
1860. J. H. Brown fund of \$493 50,) - - - -		\$1664 81
May 10.—To cash from Miss Jane E. Smith, - - - -		5 00
1859. Nov. 16,—To cash from Finance Committee—(omitted)—		213 00
		<u>\$1882 81</u>

TREASURER'S REPORT—[Continued.]

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1859.					
Nov. 7.	—By cash paid	S. S. Lattimer,	-	No. 1,	37 50
" 16.	"	Mrs. Bolton,	-	2,	37 50
" 30.	"	O. L. Shivers,	-	3,	37 50
1860. Jan. 4.	"	Mrs. Bolton,	-	4,	15 60
" 10.	"	S. S. Lattimer,	-	5,	37 50
" 10.	"	"	-	6,	50 00
" 10.	"	Mrs. Bolton,	-	7,	37 50
" 17.	"	O. L. Shivers,	-	8,	95 85
" 18.	"	Woolley & Moseley,	-	9,	187 12
" 18.	"	Mr. J. T. Cain,	-	10,	37 50
Feb. 3.	"	Mrs. Bolton,	-	11,	28 25
" 10.	"	A. B. Goodhue's order,	-	12,	37 50
March 12.	"	L. B. Robertson,	-	13,	37 50
April 3.	"	S. S. Lattimer,	-	14,	37 50
" 17.	"	"	-	15,	33 33
" 17.	"	L. B. Robertson,	-	16,	37 50
May 4.	"	P. McEachin,	-	17,	37 50
June 12.	"	Mrs. Jackson,	-	18,	37 50
Nov. 5.	"	balance due this fund,	-	-	1022 66
					\$1882 81

FOREIGN MISSION ACCOUNT.

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Nov. 16.	—To cash from	Finance Committee for Foreign Missions,	\$3079	96
"	"	" " " China,	105	70
"	"	" " " African	254	23
"	"	" " " Priest,	835	40
"	"	" " " Crawford's support,	5	00
"	"	Union Association,	133	00
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				\$4413 29

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Nov. 16.—By S. A. Creath's receipt,	-	-	-	-	-	\$3439 89
" " " " " "	-	-	-	-	-	133 00
Nov. 17.—" E. A. Blunt's "	-	-	-	-	-	835 40
" 5. " balance on hand,	-	-	-	-	-	5 00
						<u>\$4413 29</u>

DOMESTIC MISSION ACCOUNT.

DOMESTIC MISSION ACCOUNT.			
Nov. 16.	To cash from	Union Association,	625 45
"	"	Finance Committee for Domestic Miss.,	3554 15
"	"	" Indian	1999 01
"	"	" Peter Folsome,	429 00
"	"	" New Orleans Ch.,	100 00
			<u>\$6007 61</u>

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1860. Dec. 10.	--By Wm. Hornbuckle, treasurer's receipt,	5482 16
" " " "	" " " "	625 45
		<u>\$6007 61</u>

HUNTSVILLE CHURCH.

Nov. 16.	—To cash rec'd from	Finance Committee,	37 50
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June 21.	—By E. Strode's receipt,	-	37 50
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MISSION CHURCH, MOBILE.

Nov. 16.	—To cash rec'd from	Finance Committee,	10 00
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BIBLE SOCIETY ACCOUNT.

Nov. 16.	—To cash rec'd from	Union Association,	11 00
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1859.			
Nov. 16.	—To balance of this fund on hand, reported to last Conv.	-	61 55

GENERAL PURPOSE ACCOUNT.

Nov. 10.	—To balance on hand (see last Report.)	-	9 75
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TREASURER'S REPORT—[Concluded.]

" 15.	" Bible Society account, (tax)	- - - -	20 00
" "	" Foreign Mission "	- - - -	80 00
" "	" Domestic " "	- - - -	80 00
" "	" Cash from a member of Siloam Church,	- - - -	1 00
" "	" " Finance Committee,	- - - -	1 00
			<u>\$191 75</u>

1860. CR.

Jan. 30.	—By A. B. Goodhue's receipt,	- - - -	160 00
" 30.	" balance, - - - -	- - - -	31 75
			<u>\$191 75</u>

1859. SOUTHERN PUBLICATION SOCIETY ACCOUNT.

Nov. 10.	—To balance reported to last Convention,	- - - -	17 50
" 15.	" cash from Finance Committee,	- - - -	29 70
			<u>\$47 50</u>

1859. BIBLE SOCIETY ACCOUNT.

Nov. 10.	—To balance reported to last Convention,	- - - -	205 00
" 15.	" cash from Finance for Bible cause,	- - - -	108 70
" "	" " " Bible Board South. Bapt. Conv.	- - - -	10 00
" "	" " " German Bible Cause,	- - - -	2 00
" "	" " " Alabama Bible Society,	- - - -	1074 05
			<u>\$1399 75</u>

1859. CR.

Nov. 16.	—By Matt. Hillsman, on acc't Bible B'd So. Bapt. Conv.	- - - -	225 70
" 16.	" " " " " Alabama Bible Society,	- - - -	1174 05
			<u>\$1399 75</u>

MARION, ALA., Nov. 5th, 1860.

To the President and Members of the Ala. Baptist State Convention :

I submit this my annual Report as Treasurer of your body—showing a balance in my hands of eleven hundred and eighty-nine dollars and forty-six cents—less four dollars and forty-eight cents overpaid on the Jerry Brown fund.

Of this amount, there stands to the credit of the Beneficiary Fund of Howard College \$1022 66; to Foreign Board \$5; to the Mission Church at Mobile \$10; to the Bible Society account \$11; to the Holcomb Monument fund \$61 55; to the General Purpose account \$31 75; and to the credit of the Southern Publication Society \$47 50.

Respectfully submitted.

S. H. FOWLKES, Treas'r Ala. B. Con.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Alabama Baptist Bible and Colporteur Society.

TUSKEGEE, NOV. 10TH. 1860.

Rev. I. T. TICHENOR in the chair; C. MANLY, Secretary.

Delegates present as follows :

LIFE MEMBERS: J. M. Newman, P. H. Lundy, S. Henderson, J. W. Williams, J. F. Bledsoe, J. Faulkner, J. D. Kendrick, W. H. McIntosh.

LIFE DIRECTORS: J. H. De Votie, F. Callaway.

ANNUAL MEMBERS: H. W. Watson, B. B. Davis, B. F. Crumpton, A. T. M. Handey, B. A. Bluekey, W. B. Jones, N. L. De Votie, E. W. Hardy, S. A. Creath, R. H. Moulton, T. S. Milner, J. Henderson, F. Callaway.

The Report of the Board of Directors was read and referred to a committee consisting of N. L. De Votie, W. H. McIntosh, and H. W. Watson.

Brother M. Hillis, Corresponding Secretary of the Bible Board, was welcomed to a seat.

On motion, brethren J. Faulkner and J. W. Williams were added to the committee on the report of the Board.

Adjourned with prayer, to meet after mass meeting to-night.

SATURDAY NIGHT

The committee on the Report of the Board made their report, as follows:

"The committee recommend

I. That this Society proceed to the immediate liquidation of its affairs.

II. That the Society request, on the part of the Convention, a committee of conference with a committee to be appointed by your body with reference to a transfer of all the assets of the Society to the Convention, having in view the more vigorous and efficient prosecution of the work of Bible distribution and colportage.

On motion, the recommendation of the committee was adopted; and the same brethren were appointed the committee suggested—brother J. M. New being substituted for brother J. Faulkner.

Adjourned, with prayer, to the call of the President.

MONDAY NIGHT

The Society met in recess of the Convention.

Resolved to adopt and ratify the report of the committee of conference with the committee of the Convention.

Resolved, That the former Board of the Society be appointed a committee to carry out the arrangement thus entered into.

Resolved to adjourn *sine die*.

I. T. TICHENOR, President.

O. K. K. Secretary.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THE ALABAMA BAPTIST BIBLE AND COLPORTEUR SOCIETY.

To the Ala. Baptist Bible and Colporteur Society:

Your Board of Managers beg leave to report, that since your last meeting, nothing has transpired which it gives us pleasure to report, which causes us pain to communicate. As individuals, we feel that much has been done for the prosperity of the Society all that we were called upon to do, and as officers, we have tried to discharge our duties. Yet, we are grieved, and announce to you, that the interests of the Institution, over which we have been placed by you, have declined. Of this tendency, we have been aware, and have given warning for two years past, and now, in view of the conclusion by the operations of the present year, we state that the problem of the success of the Society is solved. Whether it has been, that observing a strict neutrality between the two contending parties into which our denomination has been recently divided, we have become the object of the jealousy and distrust of both; or whether the location of your Depository at Selma is unfortunate, or whether it has been, induced by the causes above named, that the Associations have adopted other and paralyzing schemes to ours; or whether it has been from a decline in piety and zeal among the churches for the spread of the Gospel as effected by this agency, we are unable to determine. Suffice it to say, for some reason or reasons, which we hope the Baptists of Alabama may appreciate, our operations have been wrecked.

We have been unable, after repeated efforts, to secure the services of a Corresponding Secretary, and consequently there has been no presentation of the claims of the Society before the brethren of the State.

Attached to this Report, as Exhibits A and B, you will find the Report of our Secretary and Treasurer, and which shows the present condition of your Society. We have declined to rent a Depository, or employ a Secretary and Depository Agent for another year, beginning October last, for the reason, that the operations of the Society, in our opinion, did not justify it.

The Books of the Society, and its other property, are at the Counting House of Merritt Burns, in his safe keeping. He is now, and has been disposing of the books as before the expiration of his term, and accounts for the proceeds of sales.

We now transfer our trust to the Society, and advise that the affairs of the Society be wound up in Selma, under your plan and directions.

Respectfully submitted,

JNO. HARALSON,
For the Board.

SUBSCRIPTIONS COLLECTED.

D. T. Vincent	\$ 10 00	W. W. Pope	5 00
Mrs. D. T. Vincent	10 00	A. P. Bush	10 00
A. Andrews	25 00	S. Rambo	25 00
A. Andrews, collected	10 00	Miss Mary A. Hill	10 00
Joseph Keith	30 00	Wade Hill	10 00
L. Flanagan	2 50	David Jean	2 00
Isaac M. Hicks	5 00	Thomas L. Pope	9 00
G. C. Johnson	12 50	Thos. A. Bergin	25 00
N. Bozeman	5 00	John McWhorter	5 00
Dr. C. Battle	20 00	Mrs. A. J. Pratt	13 00
J. H. Lee	20 00	R. A. Clay	12 50
Prof. N. K. Davis	10 00	A. Burr	12 50
Prof. D. G. Shearman	2 50	W. H. Burr	12 50
Peter Weir	16 59	Rev. K. Hawthorn	10 00
W. G. Waters	2 00	L. C. Tutt	5 00
Mrs. S. Drisdell	20 00	S. W. C. Weston	6 00
James Nunn	20 00	W. C. Patterson	4 00
Mrs. M. M. Lake	13 45	Mrs. B. M. Fluker	4 00
Mrs. E. Peck	8 00	Rev. J. R. Webster	5 00
R. P. Lide	16 00	I. C. Brown	30 00
Mrs. E. B. Downman	5 00	H. A. Harralson	15 00
Mrs. M. Wilson	10 00	J. B. Fignette	2 50
J. M. Lanning	4 00	Dr. H. Talbird	10 00
A. Muckle	12 50	Timothy Tharp	10 00
Dr. T. Adams	10 00	E. A. Shaffer	10 00
T. Lockerby	2 00	J. A. Branch	2 50
Rev. L. L. Fox	10 00	W. M. Ford	50 00
Dr. W. P. Holman	10 00	J. B. Howlett	15 00
A. G. Hudson	20 00		
Cash	20 00		\$691 54
W. W. Hand	5 00		

BIBLE AND BOOK DEPOSITORY, SELMA, NOV. 1st, 1860.
EXHIBIT A
MERRITT BURNS, Treasurer, in account with the Alabama Baptist Bible and Colporteur Society.

DR.		CR.	
To cash from Rev. W. H. Carroll, Corresponding Sec'y.....	\$80 00	By amount advanced.....	\$ 59 44
" " S. H. Fowlkes, treasurer.....	869 50	" Paid Southern Bapt. Pub. Soc. for Books.....	657 88
" " Peace Offering.....	2 00	" " American Tract Society.....	51 60
" " W. S. Miree, treasurer.....	56 65	" " American Bible Society.....	100 00
" " Pine Barron Association, (E. E. K.).....	30 00	" " J. B. Lippincott & Co.....	458 65
" " Zion Association, per H. M. M.....	35 00	" " Sheldon & Co.....	675 90
" " Oakmulgee Church.....	10 00	" " for S. S. Papers for Tuskegee S. School.....	20 80
" " Note and interest collected.....	102 65	" " J. M. West's account.....	7 40
" " Collected on subscriptions.....	691 54	" " Rent for 1859.....	412 05
" " " on account and cash sales.....	2125 74	" " on rent for 1860.....	300 00
		" " for advertising.....	35 00
		" " J. Wilmer, on account.....	15 23
		" " J. B. Clark.....	10 85
		" " Norris & Ware.....	91 85
		" " Merritt Burns, Dep. Ag't.....	865 07
		" " for fuel, fr'ts, and other expenses.....	139 13
		" " postage and exchange.....	57 75
		1860.—Nov. 1. Cash on hand.....	45 38
			<u>\$4003 08</u>
1860.—Nov. 1. To cash on hand.....			MERRITT BURNS, Treas.
			<u>\$4003 08</u>

SELMA, ALA., NOVEMBER 1st, 1860.
GENERAL STATEMENT of the Alabama Baptist Bible and Colporteur Society.

1860.—Nov. 1. Acc'ts on the books and notes to be collected \$3042 96	
Less liabilities of the Society.....	909 91
	\$2133 05
Subscriptions to be collected.....	3203 98
Stock on hand at Catalogue prices.....	2529 70
	\$7866 73

Accompanying this statement is a list of the subscriptions collected, (This part was omitted last year in the Minutes.)
MERRITT BURNS, Dep. Ag't.

